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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
James D. Thacker) Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Application Number: To Be Assigned) (Parent Group Art Unit: 1645)
Filed: December 19, 2001) Examiner: To Be Assigned
For: METHODS FOR THE RAPID DETECTION OF ACTIVELY RESPIRING) (Parent Examiner: P. Baskar)
MICROORGANISMS (as amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as set forth in the Amendments below.

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the original title in its entirety and substitute the following as a new title:

--METHODS FOR THE RAPID DETECTION OF ACTIVELY RESPIRING
MICROORGANISM--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification with the following:

--This application is a divisional of application serial no. 09/148,491 filed September 4, 1998, which is based on U.S. provisional application 60/057,657, entitled "A New Method for the Rapid Detection and Enumeration of Total Viable Bacteria and Species Typing," filed September 5, 1997.--